

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2008, requiring an election of the claimed invention between:

Species I, shown in FIG 1 and identified to include claims 1-6; and

Species II, shown in FIG 3 and identified to include claims 1-6.

Claims 1-6 are indicated as being generic.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Species I shown in FIG 1 and including claims 1-6.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-6 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--, and deleting


reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Such amendments to claims 1-6 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

By means of the present amendment, claims 3 and 6 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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